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# SNIPS

## SNIPS for 2009

Happy New Year! SNIPS is well on its way into 2009 and we would like to hear from you. If you have environmental compliance assistance news, please send it to [envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov) with the subject line of "SNIPS Submittal Information." SNIPS has a distribution list of over 1000 subscribers and is an excellent medium to get your news out to interested individuals and organizations.

## New Compliance Assistance Tool Available for Educational Laboratories

The Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance (DCA) has completed a Kentucky School Laboratory Management and Chemical Cleanout Manual. The manual is designed to assist educational institutions in proper management of chemical waste. This will result in improved compliance and waste reduction. The manual can be found on [DCA's Web page](#). For questions regarding the manual, contact DCA at 800-926-8111 or at [envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov).

## CARE Grants Available

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is making nearly \$3 million available in 2009 to reduce pollution at the local level through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. CARE is a community-based program that builds partnerships to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources. [Applications](#) for the CARE grants are due March 16, 2009. Eligible applicants include county and local governments, tribes, nonprofit organizations and universities. The EPA will conduct three conference calls on Feb. 3, 24 and 27 for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process.

## DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you. [KY EXCEL](#) is a voluntary environmental leadership program where you can meet and interact with Kentucky's environmental leaders.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



The [Brownfields Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

## Free Access to Environmental Information

The Right-to-Know Network (RTK NET) provides free access to numerous [environmental databases](#). With the information available on RTK NET, you can identify specific factories and their environmental effects and assess the people and communities affected. When using the databases, please be mindful of the latest data update for the specific database.



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities underrepresented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving “beyond” compliance to environmental leadership.

## Federal Air Quality Updates

Please click on the links below for updated information on new or amended air quality regulations:

- [EPA issues PM 2.5 designations](#)
- [2007 NOx Budget Trading Program Report](#)
- [Air Toxic Standard for Ferroalloy Production and RTR Group 1 Source Categories](#)

## Major Milestone in Rapanos Clean Water Act Case

John A. Rapanos and related defendants have agreed to pay a civil penalty and recreate approximately 100 acres of wetlands and buffer areas to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) at three sites in Midland and Bay counties, Mich., according to a joint announcement by the Justice Department and EPA.

The importance of the Rapanos case nationwide is due to its central question of the definition of “navigable water” under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act as it relates to adjacent wetlands.

Rapanos has agreed to pay a \$150,000 civil penalty and will spend an estimated \$750,000 to mitigate for 54 acres of wetlands that were filled without authorization under the CWA. Rapanos also has agreed to preserve an additional 134 acres of wetlands that were unaffected by the unauthorized activity. Under the [agreement](#), the preservation of these areas will be enforced via a conservation easement held by the state of Michigan.

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